

DELAWARE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes

Collette Building, Conference Room A
35 Commerce Way
Dover, DE 19901
January 12, 2019
8:30am

Members Present: Nina Lou Bunting, Candice Fifer, Vincent Lofink, Dr. Audrey Noble, Wali Rushdan II, Whitney Sweeney

Others Present: Jenna Ahner, SBE Executive Director.

I. Opening

A. Call to Order: Ms. Sweeney called the meeting to Order at 8:38a.m.

B. Roll Call

Ms. Ahner conducted roll call for the meeting with 5 members present (Bunting, Fifer, Lofink, Noble, and Sweeney).

C. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Bunting and seconded by Mr. Lofink to approve the January 12, 2019 Strategic Planning Workshop agenda. *The motion carried* (5 Yes to 0 No – Bunting, Fifer, Lofink, Noble, and Sweeney).

II. Welcome and Objectives

Ms. Sweeney provided an overview of the agenda and the objectives for the workshop.

Mr. Rushdan arrived and was marked present.

III. Context and Framing

Ms. Ahner reviewed the State Board of Education's current vision, mission, and guiding principles. She provided information on the role of the State Board and reviewed current participation and membership on committees, task forces, and advisory groups.

Ms. Ahner provided information on past State Board of Education strategic plans, including plans from 2016-17, 2011-15, and 2007-08. The Board discussed the priorities and formatting of previous strategic plans.

The Board reviewed and discussed framing from the National Association of State Boards of Education regarding the role of State Boards of Education.

Ms. Ahner facilitated a discussion on the Board's role in implementing a strategic plan. The Board discussed the need for clear strategies and timelines. They discussed the desire for a strategic plan to inform regular monthly meeting agendas. They also discussed opportunities to collaborate with other education constituencies.

IV. Strategic Planning Discussion

The Board reviewed and discussed anticipated activities for FY19. The Board discussed regular monthly meetings, facilitating and onboarding the student and teacher Board members, convening the CTE Committee and approval of the state Perkins plan, P-20 Council and related subcommittees, the Drug and Substance Abuse Advisory Council, and the NGA Early Childhood Committee.

The Board discussed other committee and task force participation anticipated in FY19.

Ms. Ahner provided an overview of the draft FY19 priorities. The Board reviewed and discussed the priorities and actions that could be taken in the next six months. The Board discussed the need for a communications strategy to increase engagement with the community.

Ms. Ahner provided an overview of State Board of Education strategic planning processes in other states. She reviewed topics typically covered by strategic plans, common themes, common considerations, timeline, and examples of partner and public engagement. She highlighted examples of strategic planning processes in Washington, Kentucky, and North Carolina.

The Board discussed potential next steps for initiating and creating a three to five year strategic plan for Delaware's State Board of Education. The Board discussed the scope of the plan, potential deliverables, timing considerations, and engagement with stakeholders to inform the plan. The Board discussed their interest in expanding focus areas and learning from other states. The Board discussed the desire to hold a follow-up conversation in the Spring of 2019 to move this work forward.

Ms. Ahner facilitated a conversation on stakeholder engagement. The Board discussed the benefits and opportunities available in collaborating with education partners. They discussed individuals, groups, or organizations that the Board currently interacts with. They also discussed individuals, groups, or organizations that the Board may consider working with in the future.

Ms. Ahner summarized next steps including updating FY19 draft priorities for review before the January 17, 2019 meeting and circulating dates for a follow-up meeting in the Spring of 2019.

V. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Fifer and seconded by Mr. Rushdan. *The motion carried* (6 Yes to 0 No – Bunting, Fifer, Lofink, Noble, Rushdan, and Sweeney).

The meeting adjourned at 2:05p.m.